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Dear Commissioners:

My name is David Smith. I'm writing to you regarding plans by APS to replace our existing meters with Smart Meters. I live in a community of EI (environmentally ill) disabled people located ten miles outside of the town of Snowflake. Many members of our community suffer from a severe neurological disorder that will be hugely exacerbated by the low-level EMS's emitted by various types of Smart Meter technology. Therefore, this issue is of vital importance to our health and well being.

We all came to this community in Snowflake's desert, with its clean air and very few cell towers, in order to recover from this devastating illness. We live in specially constructed and wired homes which are designed to accommodate our medical condition. It would be a financial hardship for some and an impossibility for others to take their homes off grid or to build replacement homes. Therefore, I am requesting that the Commission require APS to provide accommodation for our disabled EI community here in Snowflake.

The safest accommodation would be simply to allow us to retain our existing non-communicating meters. Residents of our disabled community would send APS a monthly postcard with that month's reading, with yearly (or biyearly) APS visits to assure accuracy. We would be happy to pay extra for this option. It is my understanding that this mail-in card system is used for rural utility customers in other states.

Retaining our current meters is by far the safest option. A second but much less safe option would be communicating meters that use telephone land lines. However, the FCC has begun a push to eliminate land lines from rural areas so this option could leave our disabled community stranded in the near future with no safe meter system at all. Another technology that has been discussed for rural areas is power line communication, but that would be medically catastrophic to me and my fellow patients and should never be used in a disabled community like this one.

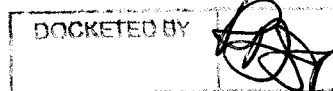
As Christians we often ask ourselves, "What is the right thing to do?" The accommodation we seek will not create any measurable impact on APS's profitability, and without this accommodation EI patients like myself will suffer terribly. I hope and pray that Jesus will touch your hearts and provide the answer for you in this matter.

Sincerely,
David Smith

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